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To: All Departments

In the Letter of Transmittal, Government Printing and Binding Regulations No. 22, December 1972, you were advised that the Joint Committee on Printing had reached the conclusion that the continued operation of each department-operated printing plant should be rejustified as a necessary preliminary to the issuance of a new plant charter.

Since that time, a limited number of such actions have been consummated. We now find, however, that the extreme impact of printing paper shortages on both in-house Federal printing production and commercially procured printing and binding has significantly affected our timetable in this rechartering program.

This determination has been affirmed by the recent completion of a Joint Committee staff field review and subsequent analysis, in depth, of the operations of the Government Printing Office Regional Printing Procurement Offices throughout the nation, together with the responses being effectuated by department and agency printing plants.

In the light of those findings, the previously announced rechartering program is herewith suspended until further notice. Despite this deferral, nevertheless, printing plants will be well advised to fulfill the Joint Committee's commercial procurement policy to the maximum practicable degree and with reasonable promptness.

Map and Chart Printing Plants

Due to their highly specialized nature, these plants are not subject to the rechartering provisions of these regulations and they are authorized to produce multi-color flat and/or folded maps and charts without referral to GPO procurement offices.

Additionally, departments have the option to procure map and chart work directly from commercial sources, or through GPO procurement offices.

Finally, however, in-house production is limited to maps and charts, with all other supporting publications to be procured commercially unless otherwise authorized by the Joint Committee on Printing.

This interim amendment to Government Printing and Binding Regulations No. 22 supersedes any and all provisions of those regulations, heretofore promulgated, which are inconsistent therewith, and is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

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HOWARD W. CANNON, Chairman

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